

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method, apparatus, and software are disclosed for collecting information relating to the execution of an application for use in analyzing the performance of the application. Probes are inserted at only those points in the application that would yield
5 non-redundant information. As a result, the impact of the information collection process on the application is reduced, improving the usefulness of the collected information.

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